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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Internet access is becoming a fundamental necessity for lots of reasons. The new media gives us access to essential information and knowledge that we need to navigate today's complicated world. It is now a matter of economic necessity that as many people as possible can have free, unfettered access to an open, neutral internet.

I believe it was a mistake to repeal the title 2 network neutrality rules. The congress may yet act to reverse this mistake, but until that happens, please don't compound it by reducing competition and eliminating the last mile to alternate ISPs. Don't allow the price hikes for broadband proposed by the largest providers.

We paid with our tax dollars for the network. It should be used as a level playing field for fair competition between providers. That's how we get great service, fair prices, and open access.

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